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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1903.

This paper is regularly mailed to its subscribers until a default in payment is received and the subscription is paid in full to the time the order is given.

In the discussion of the race question many of the southern papers take special delight in putting forward the fear of Negro domination and social equality as the basis of their hostility to according the Negro equal civil and political rights under the law. No sane man white or black believes any such nonsense and the Commercial Appeal of Memphis a strong Democratic journal knocks the bottom out of the social equality bug-bear in these words: "As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as social equality on the face of the earth. There is not among the members of the colored race, and there is not among the members of the white race, or the red race, or the yellow race, or the brown race. As Pope puts it: 'Some are and must be greater than the rest, and will continue to be.'"

This is the true contention and it is the intelligent and conservative white men of the south could be considered enough to eliminate this phase of the argument from the discussion of the question it could be more easily and satisfactorily adjusted itself.

It is certainly very gratifying to note the deep and growing interest which the good people of this city are showing in the movement to suppress vice and crime and to improve the condition of our people in this city. The meetings are being well attended and the good people are deeply concerned in the movement. Men of every calling are being aroused as never before and great good is being done. Public sentiment is being aroused and heads of families are seeing the problem in a new light and are allying themselves with the work of saving the young people and pointing them to higher ideals of life. This work appeals to every man who wants to see the best citizenship developed and he should not be slow in placing himself where his influence for good will be felt. The Law and Order Alliance is a long felt want and offers a grand opportunity for the united effort of all good citizens in improving conditions among the people of this city.

It is all right to patronize Negro business enterprises and no reasonable man can object to this being done under just and equitable business principles, but members of the race who deal almost exclusively with the white race and who employ men of that race regularly when they could employ colored men of equal ability at the same price are hardly proper champions for those principles. The disposition to patronize Negroes in business is growing every day and under proper conditions it will be a source of great benefit to the race but it will hardly ever be wise and necessary for every Negro to spend every cent he can with members of the race whether it is to his personal interest to do so or not. Business is business and not color should count for anything in the matter.

ment will almost invariably fail when it comes in touch with a man's pocket book.

DR. CRUM has been inducted into office as Collector at Charleston, S. C. but not without a final effort being made to prevent it through proceedings in the Courts. These proceedings were suggested by the Mayor of Charleston alleging that it was contrary to law for the Collector to serve before being confirmed by the Senate and the corporation counsel looked into it. This of course failed and Dr. Crum is now in full charge of affairs. This is no time for boasting and public demonstrations of approval but it is to be hoped that the principle of recognizing worth and capacity without regard to the color of the possessor has gained a substantial victory by this courageous act of the President in appointing Dr. Crum over the protests based entirely upon color that reason.

AMONG other items of a three years pastorate of one of the white Baptist churches of this city appear 3,018 pastoral visits. This recalls the fact that at a meeting of colored Baptist pastors not long since it was discovered that only a very few of those present made any pastoral visits at all. It is evident that the matter of making purely pastoral calls like many other kinds of religious work or services is growing into disfavor and consequently the work of the Master is retarded and embarrassed. There needs to be a return to the old land marks in this particular and we are sure that it would result in the spiritual growth of the churches.

## IT SHOULD BE STOPPED

The custom of opening caskets at our churches is a most objectionable one after the services have been held, ought to be stopped. There is no argument in its favor worth considering. It is putting the dead bodies of loved ones on exhibition. It is an invitation to curiosity seekers to come and take a peep. Nine tenths of the throng that marcs around the open casket care nothing about the departed, and often times a large proportion of it had never seen the departed during life. The people who care anything about persons who pass away will go to the home and see them if they wish to look upon them as they lay clasped in death's icy arms. The services at a funeral are always, or at least ought to be solemn. The influences exerted upon the living should be solemnized, and the people should be sent away in a deep, meditative mood. Marching around the room to view the body after the services have been held destroys the solemnity of the occasion, and turns it into mere sight seeing. This custom in Augusta has come about since the emancipation and the people have got so into it without thinking of its impropriety. When they come to think of the custom in its proper light, they will break it up. If you want to make a show for curious people of loved ones when dead, you will want to keep up the custom, but if you do not, then you will not allow the casket to be opened at the church after the funeral services have been held.—THE ROGIA BAPTIST.

## NOTICE!

The members of the Executive Board of the South District Sunday-school Convention are requested to be in Perryville Ky. April 17th 1903, and it behooves each member to be present as we have business of vast importance to be transacted.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Lillard Pres.  
Prof. Isaac Fisher Sec.

Let your religion be seen, Lamps do not talk, but lights do shine. A light-house sends no drums, it beats no gongs; yet over the waters its friendly light is seen by the mariner.—The Christianian Year.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

The General Baptist Foreign Mission of Texas will meet in Austin next Wednesday.

President Roosevelt is now engaged in his long Western trip and is being enthusiastically received everywhere.

A neat programme of exercises of the coming session of the first District Sunday School Convention at Pembroke Ky. May 21-24 has been issued.

Don't forget to raise the collection next Sunday for the Foreign Mission work and send it to Rev. L. G. Jordan D. D. Corresponding Secretary, No. 718 W. Walnut Street Louisville Ky.

Rev. R. B. Butler Missionary for the Eastern District will conduct a New Era Institute in Richmond Ky. next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A full attendance of pastors and Christian workers in that vicinity is urged.

—The "Courier Journal" says that it is not consistent for a preacher who hunts and fishes for pleasure to have anything to say about women who wear dead birds on their hats.

The Colored American was eleven years old with its last issue and it is as bright and gay as a boy with his first pair of new breeches. Here is our hand Bro. Cooper and may the Colored American see many happy returns.

Rev. W. Brents, Pastor of Bland St. Church of this City who has consented to give part of his time to the First Baptist Church, will be publicly installed the third Sunday in April with appropriate services.

State's Attorney General Webb of California has rendered an official opinion declaring the use of the Bible in the public schools in that state as unconstitutional. Not only may teachers not use scriptures as a text-book, but they may not even read from them, as is the custom frequently at the opening exercises.

Rev. W. O. Harper D. D. the popular pastor of the First Baptist church Winchester Ky. has been called to the pastorate of the Zion Baptist church Dayton Ohio and we are advised that he has accepted the same. Dr. Harper has made many friends in this state who will regret his leaving.

To have success, pastors should not seek to drive their flocks, but lead them kindly, cultivate patience keep a sweet temper, talk in the same tone of voice that you would like for them to talk to you, speak to them as you would have them speak to you. This is the advice of the Star of Zion, and is that which every preacher should learn.—THE REFORMER.

Education is indispensable for the plain reason that it is criminal for us to depend upon others to do our thinking for us. Every man must think in his own way; for on his own pathway he always finds a truth or a measure of truth, which is helpful to him in his life; only he must follow his own bent without restraint; he must control himself; to follow mere naked instinct does not beseech a man. For the purpose of correct thinking and self-control, he must of necessity be educated.—THE CLARION.

The monument erected by the state of Indiana to commemorate the valor and bravery of its soldiers in the civil war (1861-65) was dedicated on the Shiloh (Tenn.) battle-field with interesting ceremonies last Monday. Gov. Durbin made the principal address and several hundred attended.

state were present to witness the exercises.

What a pitiable sight it is to see a strong, vigorous, well educated young man, in this age of opportunity such as this world has never seen before, sitting around wasting his precious years, throwing away golden opportunities, simply because he does not happen to be placed just where he thinks the great chances are, or does not see an opportunity which is big enough to watch his ambition or his ability. Success.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

It has been quite a while since we have spoken through the columns of the American Baptist. Owing to the fact that the demand from the field have been so very urgent we have not had the time to keep up the correspondence through the various Baptist organs in which we have been so deeply interested.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our labors. We have been conducting a series of gospel meetings in a portion of the Northern states this quarter. We spent ten days with Dr. J. D. Rouse of Evansville Indiana, and Brother G. W. Dorsey and Rev. Ferguson of the same place. We regretted very much that circumstances over which we had no control prevented me from being with Dr. Anderson and his good people. We note just here that R. v. Rouse and Anderson who have been pastors in the city for twenty years have so endeared themselves into the hearts of their flocks and members of their congregations until they have become "living epistles" Rev. Ferguson, an earnest and energetic young man needs to be congratulated upon the growth and development of his work. He is preparing to build a new church. We bespeak for him a bright future. The Baptists of the state of Indiana seem to be wide awake. They say that there shall not be one stone in their work left unturned. We found the Baptists of Illinois were especially in the southern part of the state putting on new strength. The revival meetings this quarter have been very encouraging. The Sunday-schools and B. Y. P. U. s. seem to bid fair for great things this year. We have been called to Kentucky our native state to conduct gospel meetings, with a few of our beloved pastors in this end of the state, we opened battle on Saturday Sunday April 5th. at the Edgefield church, a few miles south of Pembroke with Rev. S. J. Leavel as pastor. We have 19 at the altar who desire to know the way of salvation. The indications for a genuine and far reaching revival are good. We have an appointment at Sebree on the third Sunday Rev. Leavel's old point and the bombardment will be continued. We will be in the state 60 days longer if the Lord is willing. Any brother needing evangelistic help may address us at Pembroke Kentucky.

S. W. Bensley.

## CITY ITEMS.

The county tax rate for 1903 will be 24 cents an advance of 2 cents over last year.

Office removal Albert S. White Lawyer and Notary Public, has removed his office from 414 Center St. to his residence 2704 W. Walnut St. Phone 5517.

The City B. Y. P. U. s. will hold their monthly mass meeting at Zion Baptist Church next Sunday to which all friends are invited. An interesting programme has been arranged.

The Executive Board of the General Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at Calvary church next Monday afternoon.

Invitation are out announcing the marriage of Mrs. Katie Smith to Mr. Washington Atkins Wednesday evening April 22nd at No. 718 Center St.

Rev. C. E. Allen will preach next Sunday morning at Zion Baptist Church.

The American Mutual Aid Association of St. Louis, Mo., has an office in this city? No. Well it has and has inaugurated a Subordinate Assembly, and also its FREE MEDICAL PLAN.

The attending physician is Dr. E. D. Whedbee, 928 18th St., Phone 5014. The Association pays accident, sick and death benefits. Further information may be obtained by calling on the Supreme Deputy Organizer R. B. Hampton, 928 Twelfth Street where he is located for the present.

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terian Church, and special musical program will be rendered by the choir. Mrs. J. T. Briggs Soloist. At 3:00 p. m. there will be given an Easter Song Service by the children of the Sunday School, and an address will be delivered by Miss N. H. Burroughs on Africa. The public are cordially invited to attend these services.

"Rebecca's Triumph" will be rendered at Old Fellows' Hall, Thursday evening April 9th, for the benefit of Youngs Chapel. Admission 15 cents.

Rev. G. F. Watson will preach this evening at the Broadway A. M. E. Z. church, 13th and Broadway to the Golden Link Club. The public is invited.

The Rally for the New Church Fund will be held at the Lampton St. church next Sunday when Rev. A. E. Edwards of Greenville Miss. will assist Rev. C. C. Bates during the day.

A Needle Threading will be given at the residence of Mrs. M. H. Bullitt No. 1514 Prentice street for the benefit of the New Dormitory fund of State University. Friends are asked to give a liberal patronage to this entertainment. Admission 5 cents.

The M. C. Lilly Co. of Columbus O. has made Unity Lodge No. 12 F and A M a present of a handsome set of Masonic Charts which now adorn the walls of their Lodge room. This gift was secured through the efforts of Prof. W. F. Annis who is now Master of the Lodge.

Bishop Alexander Walters and Attorney F. L. McGhee will address the citizens of Louisville next Thursday evening at Center Street church concerning the work of the Afro-American Council which will be held in this city in July. The church should be crowded to hear these distinguished representatives of the race. All are invited.

Last Saturday evening the opening of the Ohio Falls Millinery Co. took place at the Trus Reformers Hall, West Walnut Street. A large number of ladies were present who admired the beautiful display of hats etc. The exhibit was under the supervision of Miss Lida Robinson of Tuskegee Institute.

The Sunshine Club of the Central Christian church gave a delightful reception Thursday evening of last week to the Womens Improvement Club and a number of friends at the Womens Industrial Club, West Walnut Street. There was an excellent programme rendered and every one had a pleasant and enjoyable time.

The second of the Educational Campaign meetings of the Board of Managers of the B. W. E. Convention was held at the Ninth Street church last Wednesday evening, when Rev. H. Reynolds D. D. of La Grange Ky. preached an excellent sermon.

Mrs. Sallie Ware, of 501 Lampton st. desires to thank the members of Star of Esther, Temple No. 30 and Ladies and Gentlemen's Beneficial Society, No. 1, and other friends for careful attention, flowers etc, during her illness. She is now steadily improving.

Mrs. Sallie Milliken wife of Mr. M. V. Milliken, died at the residence No. 606 W Kentucky street Thursday April 2nd after a lingering illness. The funeral was conducted at the Emmanuel Baptist church last Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. H. Perdue and a large number of friends were present to pay the last tribute of respect to her memory.

Last Sunday afternoon a Young Men's Council was organized at the Broadway A. M. E. Z. church 13th and Broadway, and the following officers were elected: Moderator, Jas. C. Hughes; Chairman, W. H. Warley; Secretary, J. C. Gilliard; Assistant Secretary, Sylvester Cosby; Treasurer, Marshall Drys. The Council will labor in the work of raising the moral and intellectual standard of the young men of the city.

The Forum held a largely attended and interesting meeting at the Lampton street church last Sunday afternoon. Judge Caruth and Commonwealths Attorney Hufaker were the principal speakers. Short addresses were made by Mrs. Lillie Edwards Prof. S. B. Taylor and A. E. Meyers, Mr. E. H. Lawson and Rev. C. C. Bates. The singing of the choir of the church was one of the features of the meeting and a collection of \$13.85 was giving for organ fund. The meeting next Sunday afternoon will be held at the Broadway A. M. E. Z. church.

The friends of Mrs. Fannie Wood Shipley wife of Mr. Sam J. Shipley were shocked at hearing of her sudden death last Sunday morning after a short illness of three days. She was buried from the Fifth St. church Tuesday afternoon by the Ladies Union Band of which she was a valued member. Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D., officiated, assisted by Rev. E. F. Harris, D. D., and M. F. Robinson, and there were a large number of floral tributes from friends who deeply sympathize with the sorrowing family in their bereavement.

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